

WELSH SPRINGER SPANIEL CLUB 50TH ANNIVERSARY CHAMP SHOW

Saturday 17th July 2021

Judge (Bitches): Mrs Pat Butler-Holley (Shandwick)

It is a great honour to judge any club show but actually very special when it is an anniversary show. My congratulations goes to the committee members for trying so very hard to schedule and reschedule this show which was planned for 2020.

Held at the kennel club building in glorious sunshine made the day a true pleasure. However it would be remiss of me not to mention that today I found a few exhibits with entropian which is not something I've seen in Welsh Springers before, but it is my belief that the shape of the eye needs to be watched and we have so many that are displaying large round eyes. I am aware the shape is not mentioned in the standard but if entropian is creeping in then the eye shape requires attention. I have mentioned in the body of the critique about lack of balance in a few, we must watch this for the future.

Judging with my co Judge and friend was a special day, the award of BIS went to the Dog, Slapstones Diamond Mine JW (Mrs Ritchie / Miss Butler) no relation I hasten to add. Best Veteran in show was the Dam of the dog so all in a good day congratulations to everybody.

Veteran bitch (5)

1 Sh Ch Slapstones Mouna jw (Mr/Mrs A Ritchie + Miss D Ritchie) loved her head and expression showing the quality that is required, good neck and shoulders, strong body, moved with great verve and drive displaying the correct top line as she moved. Later in the day she was awarded Best Veteran in show in agreement with my co judge and friend Mr Nigel Worth. She is also the dam of the Dog CC winner on the day.

2 Sh Ch /NL Ch Bushwacker Gregorys Girl at Highlcare (Cocking and Barnaby) So very honest and pleasing bitch in all aspects. What you see is what you get. Good head, clean neck and shoulder, strong body, holds her top line on the move.

3 Barhi Flaming Star at Maytag (Mrs C Madeley)

Minor Puppy (2)

Two delightful puppies both just 6 months, as it is the first show for them both I was happy to see them play and enjoy the day. winner on the day was so confident and moved really well so loads of potential, the 2nd had more substance and bone but so not working well with her handler. I will watch with interest as to how these two develop over time. Best of luck to the owners.

1 Eiriandylis Georgy Girl (Miss L Tyler/Miss N Shiels) best puppy bitch.

2 Tigerrock Bed of Roses Naf Taf (R J Casey)

Puppy (5.1)

1 Eiriandylis Georgia Rose (Miss L Tyler/Miss N Shiels) Mature youngster, she has the best of heads and expression clean in outline, would prefer more rear angulation at the moment but at just 6 months development and time will tell. Moved soundly.

2 Glenbrows Rhapsody (Mr & Mrs Harrison) on first look around I suspected she would have been my winner, however on the day her movement wasn't quite as positive as winner on the day. More mature and substance, presented to perfection.

3 Aarminias Tiki Rum at Slapestones (Mr/Mrs A Ritchie + Miss D Ritchie)

Junior (7,1)

1 Nylirm Hetty Wainthropp (Mrs J Graham) love her overall shape and outline in body, pleasing head displaying good quality, strong quarters which she used on the move. Loved her profile movement.

2 Glenbrows Hope (Mr & Mrs Harrison) presentation is first class, good head and expression so well balanced to her body, clean neck and shoulders and good overall balance. Her movement could be a little cleaner when viewed from the rear.

3 Julita Raindrop of Trenzalore (Mrs J Naunton)

Yearling Bitch (2)

1 Julita Raindrop of Trenzalore (Mrs J Naunton) moved better in this class than junior, these youngsters need so much more time to settle, which I was more than happy to allow, as it is potentially the first time shown.

2 Gilstonia Snow Moon (Mrs G Cooper) Good overall shape and outline. True topline, good head, neck and shoulders. Her rear movement could be more positive.

Novice (3,1)

1 Gilstonia Snow Moon (Mrs G Cooper)

2 Julita Rainbow (Mrs J Revill/Mrs J Taylor) like this exhibit very much but she lacked confidence at the moment this lockdown and lack of shows for our breed just shows how socialising our breed is so important. Hopefully her confidence will grow with time.

Graduate (5)

1 Taihang Scherezade at Teaselwood, lovely head shape, a little light in eye which in my opinion spoiled her expression. Good bone, well sprung ribs and strong quarters. Moved well.

2 Pamicks Jazzy Ah Girl (Mr & Mrs Tew) Stronger bigger bitch than winner, but so well built in conformation. Good ribs, strong loin and good sound quarters which she used well on the move.

3 Killena Shadow Dancing (Ai) (Mrs W Buckwell)

Post Graduate (7,1)

A very mixed class of exhibits, some from the very much overweight, to the lack of bone and substance.

1 Julita Ryveeta (Mrs J Reville / Mrs D Monday) Confidence in abundance from this bitch, shown to perfection and handled well as I can only assume she is quite headstrong. Love her overall shape and outline, good head and expression strong neck, good body and wide quarters. Moved well.

2 Nyliram Twist and Shout with Barhi (Ms F Barnes) pleasing bitch full of quality strong body, good ribs and strong wide quarters which she used to full advantage.

3 Llon Mairwen o'r Mwmbwls (Mrs S Pick)

Mid Limit (4)

1 Isfryn Lady Godiva at Fireglow JW (Miss R Waller) this exhibit is so honest with no exaggerations at all in any department. Pleasing Head and expression, good neck and shoulders and forechest which has sadly been lacking in many exhibits today. Good spring of ribs and strong quarters. Moved well, presented a really good picture and close up for top honours.

2 Crimicar shes Electrck with Tigerrock JW (Mrs Clarke/Mrs T Sherlock) preferred her head to winner, but unlucky to meet winner moving so positively. It did get very hot during the day so maybe she felt the heat. Good overall body shape, lots of breed type moved OK.

3 Cherryheath's Miss Velocity JW (Miss S Barkley)

Limit (7)

1 Hinxwood Fire and Ice (Mrs J Woodward) It is so difficult to find everything your looking for as a judge that reflects the breed standard, but this exhibit I found to be of honest type and balance. She flows so well from the tip of her nose to the end of her tail nothing outweighing the other. Her head is balanced, good eye and kind expression. Strong neck set clean into her shoulders good pro sternum, good ribs and strong loin and good quarters. As I said nothing exaggerated. She moved with so little effort showing good reach and drive. Absolutely delighted to award her the BCC today, I understand it was her second hopefully her 3rd will be soon. In my many years of awarding CC's with 2 judges I still do not like the requirement of RBIS challenge as It is my belief and I stress my opinion that the Best opposite sex should be RBIS. Hence today the referee was required.

2 Tammano Teal at Eiriandylis (Miss L Tyler/Miss N Sheils) heaver bitch than I would like but pleasing overall in all departments, a little strong in head for me but my word could she move around that ring with purpose.

3 Bushwacker along came Polly (Ms J Frost/Ms A Frost)

Open (6)

A mixed class of various shapes and sizes, some not balanced at all .

1 Llon Blodyn Ymenyan (Mrs S Pick) Built on bigger lines, but a lovely shape and outline. Pleasing head so well balanced to her body, good ribs and strong loin, good strong quarters. moved well displaying good effortless movement. I'm sure on today's form her time will come for top honours.

2 Jacranella Serenade (Mr & Mrs Sutherland) for me today this bitch is not displaying the balance required just another inch on her legs would alter the view combining that with long grass doesn't help. Having said that I felt she is so full of quality in all other departments he place could not be denied.

3 Sh ch Julita Rumours at Trosley (Mrs S Jones)

Champion (3,1)

1 Bushwacker Something About Mary (Ms J Frost) A Welsh Springer is clearly what she is, so beautifully presented today. From her head to her tail she flows into each department which is really what is required nothing exaggerated at all. her head is classic and her expression tells every story whilst you look at her. I was thrilled to award her the RBCC today so close to the eventual winner but wasn't quite as positive in the challenge so paid the price.

2 Sh Ch Sarabande Eternity at Slapstones (AI) JW (Mr & Mrs Ritchie/ Miss D Ritchie. good overall shape in fantastic condition and presented well. Unfortunate to meet winner today. The best of heads and expression so clean in outline. Moved Well.

Special Shooting (1)

1 Bowdonia Bedazzled at Lenamore (Burchmore and Hagger) Wow my notes say, what muscle she has. Good head and eye, well placed shoulders, strong body and good loin. Quarters used to full advantage.

Judge

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